

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Chairman;
Mark Acton, Vice Chairman;
Tony Hammond; and
Nanci E. Langley

Market Dominant Product Prices
Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements
with Foreign Postal Operators 1
Australian Postal Corporation – United States
Postal Service Bilateral Agreement
(MC2010-35 and R2010-6)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. R2017-2

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING MODIFICATION ONE TO AN INBOUND MARKET
DOMINANT MULTI-SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FOREIGN POSTAL
OPERATORS 1 NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

(Issued November 30, 2016)

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 407(d)(2), the Postal Service filed notice that it and the Australian Post Corporation (Australia Post) signed a modification to the current bilateral

negotiated service agreement between the postal operators (Agreement).¹ For the reasons discussed below, the Commission acknowledges Modification One.

II. BACKGROUND

In Order No. 3742, the Commission added the market dominant inbound portions of the Agreement to the Mail Classification Schedule under the Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 product.² On November 29, 2017, the Postal Service filed notice that it and Australia Post executed Modification One to the Agreement. The Postal Service states that Modification One revises the prefixes that appear on the labels of certain outbound mailpieces. Notice at 1; see Modification One at 1. Because Modification One concerns an outbound product, the Postal Service states that revised financial workpapers are not required. Notice at 1-2.

The Postal Service states that Modification One is scheduled to go into effect when the Postal Service notifies Australia Post that it filed Modification One with the Commission and the Department of State or a later date mutually agreed to by the parties. Notice at 2; Modification One at 2.

III. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

The Commission has reviewed the Notice and Modification One. Modification One revises the prefixes that appear on the labels of certain outbound mailpieces. Notice at 1; see Modification One at 1. Because Modification One relates to operational changes, the Commission agrees that revised financial workpapers are not necessary.

¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Modification to an Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, November 29, 2017, at 1-2 (Notice). Modification One is an attachment to the Notice (Modification One).

² See *generally* Order Approving Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement with Australia Post, January 10, 2017 (Order No. 3742).

The Commission acknowledges the revisions made to the Agreement pursuant to Modification One.

It is ordered:

The Commission acknowledges the revisions made to the Agreement pursuant to Modification One.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary